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Perry Reverses the Decree of De Bolt.

Club Stables Case Sent Back To Trial Court.

Salaries Paid Manager and Assistant Found to Be Exorbitant and Excessive.

By a unanimous opinion written by Justice Perry the Supreme Court reverses the decree of Judge De Bolt and remands to him for such further proceedings as may be proper the case of B. F. Ehlers & Co. & C. Bolte, E. K. Bull, J. J. Sullivan and Paul R. Isenberg, on behalf of themselves and all other stockholders in the Club Stables, Limited, a corporation, against C. H. Bellina, W. E. Bellina,

THE CASE STATED.

It was a bill in equity to restrain C. H. Bellina, as manager of the corpor- A BADGE FOR ation, from paying to himself and to W. E. Bellina and H. H. Perry, as assistant managers, certain salaries alleged to be exorbitant and excessive, and for an order requiring these three respondents to repay to the corporation all moneys received by them as and above the amount of a reasonable compensation for the services rendered by them.

The court below, on motion of respondents, dismissed the bill at the close of the complainants case "for insufficiency of proof and lack of equiruling by plaintiffs, but Isenberg and Deering stepped forward with a pack-Sullivan afterward withdrew their appeals. The Supreme Court lays the law down as follows in its syllabus of the heavy gold badge, he told him how Afterwards she would not take them

LAW SUMMARIZED.

Directors stand toward the corporation in the relation of trustees to a cestui que trust, and when they vote members of the Honolulu Fire Departto themselves salaries or other compensation or services such salaries or other compensation cannot be allowed will be worn by you, and ever as a reto stand unless shown to be fair and minder of the high regard in which we reasonable.

FACT AND LAW.

court, in the body of its opinion, gives partment considers you worthy of the findings of fact and law. C. H. Bellina was appointed manager by the directors at a meeting on September 9, 1901. In the end of that month he fixed the salaries of W. E. Bellins and H. H. Perry as foremen or assistant managers at \$200 each a month. Besides these salaries the foremen had the free use of a cottage belonging to the corporation theretofore rented at the rate of \$20 a month. At a meeting of directors on November 14, 1901-Bolte, Perry and the two Bellinas present-the salary of the manager was fixed at \$300 a month from September 10, 1901, Bolte voting against the motion upon which is engraved five trumpets, on the ground that such salary would the insignia of Mr. Thurston's rank.

PROTEST VOTED DOWN.

No formal complaint was made against the salaries until August 5, 1902, graved "Presented to Chas. H. Thurswhen, at a meeting of directors Bolte ton as a token of esteem by the memdirec salaries be reduced \$100 a month each, but Perry and the two Bellinas voting against it the motion was lost. On December 1, 1902, Bolte and Bull addressed a letter to the board of directors, protesting against the salaries, as being unreasonably high, claiming that each of the three men had been overpaid \$100 a month, asking the board to demand repayment of the excess amounting to \$3933.30 and, in case of non-compliance, to institute proceedings in the name of the corporation to compel such repayment, the did not do so they would bring suit themselves. At a meeting of directors on December 11, 1902-only the two Bellinas and J. J. Carreiro being present -the board refused to comply with the requests made or to reduce any of the salaries and passed a resolution declaring the compensation to be reasonable and ratifying its own action and that of the manager.

MAJORITY OF STOCK.

Perry left the employ of the corporation in August, 1902. During all of the time mentioned C. H. Bellina held 181 shares of the stock, W. E. Bellina 15 shares and Perry, until the transfer of a portion of his interest in August, 105 shares, the total capital stock of the corporation being 500 shares. W. E. Bellina is the brother of C. H. Bellina The present suit was begun December 27, 1902. The opinion at this stage says:

SALARIES FOUND EXCESSIVE.

what would be reasonable compensation for a manager and assistant managers under circumstances such as those surrounding the Club Stables, Limited, we find, upon all the evidence hus far adduced, that the salaries alwed to the three respondents are exbitant and excessive.

FAIRNESS MUST BE SHOWN. Directors stand toward the corporation which they represent and act for in the relation of trustees to a cestui que trust. Some of the authorities go to the extent of holding that they may not, lawfully, vote to themselves compensation for services and that any such attempted vote would be illegal, but it is unnecessary to go to that extent in the case at bar. We will assume for the purposes of this appeal that if directors do vote to themselves salaries or other compensation, such salaries may be allowed to stand if their entire reasonableness and fairness is shown by the parties benefited thereby but not otherwise, and a rule more favorable than this the respondents cannot expect. Directors can no more use the property of their principal for their own private gain than any other agent or trustee. They must act in good faith and for the interests of the stockholders whom they represent. (Many authorities are here quoted.) Not only have the respondents failed to show the entire fairness and reasonableness of the salaries, but the showing thus far is that the salaries are unfair to the corporation.

LACHES NOT PROVED.

On the plea of laches, or sleeping the house. on their rights, raised against the complainants the court remarks on a lack of evidence, saying that if more will yet be adduced the court will then be in a better position to pass upon the whole subject. In reversing the decree the court says the motion to dismiss the suit should have been denied and the respondents should have been required to present their defense. Robertson & Wilder conducted the

case and successful appeal for the complainants.

CHIEF THURSTON

Fire Chief Thurston was presented with a handsome gold badge, showing his rank, by the members of the Honolulu Fire Department last evening. The salary from September 1, 1901, over chief was called to the library at Central Station a little before eight o'clock with a request that he settle an argument then in progress. He found all dollars in gold and some silver. the men from the central station gathfrom the hose stations in other dis-

age in his hand. As he undid the years ago by Vanderslice of San Franwrappings and handed Mr. Thurston cisco for the Baroness Von Schroeder. much his men loved and esteemed him. Mr. Deering said:

ment, herewith present you with this token of remembrance, which we trust hold you. Coming as it does, from the Honolulu Fire Department collectively, we trust that you will recognize that From the undisputed evidence the individually, each member of the dehighest compliment that we can pay you. And now, as I pin on this token of our warmest friendship, we hope that you will ever wear it, in kind re-

Mr. Thurston was much overcome but responded briefly, thanking the men for the kind expression of their esteem and also complimenting them on the assistance they had always giv-

The badge is truly a beautiful piece of work. It is of massive gold, studded with diamonds. On the front is an eagle to which is suspended a shield In the center is a large diamond. The letters "Chief, H. F. D." are engraved upon the front. On the reverse is enmoved, seconded by Isenberg, that the bers of the Honolulu Fire Department, August 6, 1903."

Miss Dreier's Death.

The Chronicle gives the following account of the death of Miss Juanita Dreier who died on the Ventura before the vessel reached San Francisco.

At 8:30 o'clock Sunday night, when the Ventura was within a few hundred miles of the coast, Juanita Dreier. eleven years old, died of appendicitis. writers giving notice that if the board She had been ailing for two weeks, but left Honolulu a week ago apparently in good health, on her way to the Coast, accompanied by her sister, fifteen years old, for the purpose of attending Notre Dame College at San Jose. Three or four days ago the gir. was attacked with an aggravated case of appendicitis, and despite all the efforts of Dr. Clark, ship's surgeon she sank rapidly and passed away Sunday night. Her death cast a gloom over all the other passengers, whose sympathy was extended to the sorrowing sister of the deceased. She was a daughter of August Dreier, a wellknown planter of the Hawalian islands. The body was brought to port and will probably be embalmed and sent back to Honolulu.

> Tomorrow at noon, Jas. F. Morgan will sell by order of the court a piece of property in Robello lane, containing Theo. H. Davies & Co.

The Parker Homestead Often Visited By Thieves.

THE PACIFIC COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER, MONODOLC, ACCOST 1903.

The police are still working on the Parker robbery but with no success. Every place in the city where the stolen diamonds may have been sold was visited but without result. Finally Col. Parker is reported to have told the police to let the matter drop if there seemed to be no promise of success. This however will not be done, so Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth said yesterday, though he stated that there was absolutely no clue to work upon. Mr. Parker is confident of the honesty of all the employes and servants about

The diamond robbery is said to be one of a series of thefts from which the inmates of the Parker homestead have suffered within the past six months. Not long ago Mr. Parker was robbed of a solid gold match safe of great value. The match safe was a present and Mr. Parker raised a great hue and cry over the loss. All his clothing was searched without result and the servants also were examined but no trace of it would be found. Finally a few days afterwards the match safe was discovered in a pocket of a coat which had just been returned by the laundryman. The missing safe is supposed to have been placed there by the thief who took this means of concealing his theft.

Miss Chrystal who has been visiting the Parkers for some months was robbed on three different occasions. Once a valuable diamond brooch which she had worn at an evening party was taken. On another occasion the chain worn with the brooch was stolen, Still another time she was robbed of twenty

Of the blue diamond taken the other ered there as well as representatives night there is but one other in the United States, so there should be no difficulty in detecting the thief if he As he entered, Assistant Chief A. G. tries to sell it. The three blue diamonds were imported a number of and Col. Parker's first wife purchased two of the stones for \$4,500 which were "In token of friendship and the high set in a ring. The third stone is said esteem, in which we hold you, we, the to be still in the possession of the importer, and is the only one of its kind on the mainland.

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